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TAGS: ABLD, AMGT, FJ  
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

REF: SUVA 0628

1. THIS IS TO APPRISE THE DEPARTMENT OF HOW WE STAND ON THE QUESTION OF THE EMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND TO SEEK THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

2. THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT HOUSE IS INDEQUATE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF REPRESENTATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CHIEF OF MISSION IS NO LONGER IN QUESTION. WHAT HAS CONCERNED US IS WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT CONTACT WITH REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING HAS PRODUCED NOTHING THAT WOULD BE

SUITABLE AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. FROM WHAT WE HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES AND LOCAL CONTACTS ONLY A STROKE OF LUCK CAN POSSIBLY CHANGE THE SITUATION.

3. THE ONLY INTERESTING OFFER SO FAR CONCERNS THE AVAILABILITY FOR SALE OF A HOUSE WITH MORE THAN ONE ACRE OF GARDEN, A MAGNIFICENT VIEW AND LOCATED PRACTICALLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE LOT WHERE THE NEW RESIDENCE IS TO BE BUILT. THE ASKING PRICE IS US\$150,000 AND THE COST FOR REMODELING ETC. IS ESTIMATED AT US\$50,000. FROM A REAL ESTATE POINT OF VIEW THIS IS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE OF THE LOCATION AND SIZE OF THE PROPERTY  
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AND THEREFORE ITS EVENTUAL AVAILABILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CHANCERY. THE CATCH IN THIS CASE IS THAT THERE IS A TENANT WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE A VALID LEASE UNTIL JUNE 1979 AND THEREFORE CONSIDERABLE DELAYS CAN BE EXPECTED BECAUSE OF THE PROSPECT OF LITIGATION.

4. THE LONGER TERM SOLUTION IS OF COURSE THE

CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENCE ON THE EMBASSY'S LOT AND HOPEFULLY EXPEDITIOUS ACTION IS BEING TAKEN AS AGREED BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FBO WILLIAM L. SLAYTON. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ASSURED AT THE TIME NOT ONLY THAT ADEQUATE FUNDS HAD BEEN PROVIDED IN THE 1979 BUDGET BUT THAT PRELIMINARY ACTION WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BETWEEN MARCH (THE TIME OF THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH MR. SLAYTON) AND 1 OCTOBER (BEGINNING OF FY 1979) TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY ON THAT DATE WHEN FY 1979 FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. THE AMBASSADOR HAS WRITTEN TO MR. SLAYTON WITH COPIES TO EA/EX. WE PUT OUR TRUST IN FBO'S NEW LEADERSHIP TO IMPLEMENT THE FOREGOING SO AS TO REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THIS RELATIVELY SIMPLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. WE PUT EQUAL TRUST HOWEVER IN EA/EX TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH FBO ON THIS PROJECT.

5. THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE LEFT FOR US IS TO CONTINUE OUR SEARCH FOR AN ADEQUATE RESIDENCE. MEANWHILE WE MUST DO THE MINIMUM THAT IS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE SUITABILITY OF THE PRESENT RESIDENCE WITHOUT UNDERTAKING MAJOR MODIFICATIONS. FUNDS TO THIS EFFECT WERE REQUESTED IN REFTTEL. THESE FUNDS (\$10,000 ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIRED IF THE AMBASSADOR IS TO CARRY OUT HIS REPRESENTATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT BEARING IN MIND THAT EVENTUALLY THE PRESENT RESIDENCE WILL PASS ON TO THE DCM.

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6. THE MINIMUMS:

A. REVISED LIST OF NECESSARY REPAIRS FOLLOWS:

(1) REPAINTING INTERIOR OF RESIDENCE	US\$1700
(2) MINOR CARPENTRY REPAIRS	300
(3) REUPHOLSTRY AND PARTIAL REDRAPING	1500
(4) PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL FURNITURE	2500
(5) RECARPETING	300
TOTAL	US\$9000

NONE OF THESE ITEMS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LAND-LORD  
UNDER THE TERMS OF THE LEASE. NONE OF THESE IMPROVEENTS ARE  
COVERED BY THE PROHIBITION SET OUT IN 6 FAM 752 (C).

7. FOLLOWING IS AN ITEMIZED LIST OF EXPEDNTIRES MADE ON THE  
RESIDENCE SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1977:

(1) REPAIRS TO THE WINDOW HINGES AND VENETIAN BLINDS	US\$125
(2) REPAIRS TO KITCHEN DOOR AND CLOTHESE HOIST	40.00
(3) SEALING OF SEPTIC TANK	30.00
(4) FIX WIRE MESH ALONG EAVES OF ROOF AND FIX LEAK ON GARAGE ROOF	280.00
(5) CLEANING OF RUGS	65.00
(6) ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	20.00
(7) REPAIR TO BOUNDARY FENCE AND BACK GATE RECOMMENDED BY RSO	190.00
(8) MISCELLANDEOUS PLUMBING REPAIRS CARRIED	

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OUT BY MARLOWS LTD. - REPAIR SINK WASTE PIPE	40.00
(9) FIJI ELECTRIC - ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	30.00
(10) MARLOWS - CHECKING SEPTIC TANK	30.00
(11) BURNS PHILP - BEDS (2)	225.00
(12) MARLOWS - REPAIR KITCHEN SINK AND OUTLET	35.00
TOTAL	US1,110.00

8. ACTION REQUESTED: A SUSTAINED EXPEDITIOUS ACTION  
BY FBO FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENCE.

B. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR FUNDS.  
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